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REMARKS

By way of summary, Claims 1-6 were pending in this application. Claims 1-3, 5, and 6 have been cancelled, and Claims 7-19 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 4 and 7-19 are pending for consideration.

Abstract of the Disclosure:

The Examiner objected to the abstract of the disclosure as being in excess of 200 words in length. To address the Examiner's objection, Applicants have amended the abstract of the disclosure to be less than 150 words. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

Drawings:

The Examiner indicated on the Office Action Summary that the drawings filed on December 5, 2003 are objected to. The Examiner also indicated in paragraph 10 of the Office Action that corrected formal drawings are required. But, the Examiner indicated in paragraph 3 of the Office Action that Applicants' formal drawings have been approved by the Examiner. Applicants believe the drawings submitted December 5, 2003 comply with necessary formalities. Therefore, Applicants have not amended the drawings. Should correction to the drawings be required, Applicants request clarification as to the deficiencies in the drawings to which Examiner objects.

Claim Rejections:

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Barbut. The Examiner provisionally rejected Claim 3 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 10 of copending Application No. 10/078,283. Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-3, 5, and 6. Therefore, Applicants submit that Examiner's rejections of these claims should be withdrawn.

New Claims:

Applicants have added Claims 7-19 by amendment. Applicants note that Claims 7-19 depend from Claim 4, which the Examiner has indicated to be allowed, and further define the

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invention thereof. Therefore, Applicants submit that Claims 7-19 are allowable at least for the same reasons that Claim 4 is allowable.

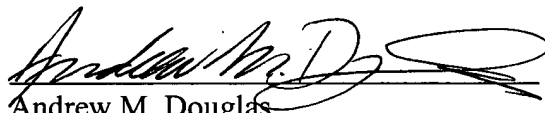
Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued at the earliest opportunity. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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